



## WSOP CIRCUIT 2017-18 EVENT #10 REPORT

Circuit Stop:	Rio Las Vegas	Date:	23 February 2018
Event:	NLHE Monster Stack	Entries:	638
Buy-in:	\$365	Prizepool:	\$191,400

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### **MARK PERRY WINS THE MONSTER STACK AND \$39K**

*Perry earns largest career World Series of Poker score.*

East coast poker pro Mark Perry took down the Rio Circuit Monster Stack for \$39,240 and his first career WSOP Circuit ring late Saturday night at the Rio. The Monster Stack, which was a freezeout, lived up to its name and drew a huge field of 638 unique entries.

The tournament played 18 levels on Day 1 and saw 92 players survive. Perry bagged an above average stack, but was outside of the top 30 coming into Day 2. The money was reached at 72 players and at the point Perry had locked up his 10th career WSOP cash. He made it all the way down to the final table, locking up his second Circuit final table of the season. He finished 8th in a \$365 Foxwood's Circuit event earlier this season for \$1,608. Perry had one of the top stacks entering the final table, so he knew he had a great chance to improve on his 8th place finish. Perry had to get through a tough final table though.

"Pretty good final table for a \$365," said Perry.

The final table included three previous gold ring winners in Nikhil Gera (2), Derek Updegraff (1) and Ryan Leng (1). Also at the final table was 2014 November Niner Dan Sindelar and Lindsay Kido, who made a deep run in last summer's WSOP Ladies Event. Gera was eliminated in 8th place and the tournament was down to its final five players around 9:30 p.m. The final five players were Perry, Leng, Sindelar, Updegraff and Kido. Five-handed play lasted nearly four hours long. Perry would double up and then double up and opponent going from big stack to short stack, back to big stack multiple times.

"I tried to keep the pressure on when I had chips and keep in mind ICM considerations when I was down," said Perry.

Perry said eventually everyone at the table got short in comparison to the blinds and the edges became minimal. Shortly after 1 a.m., Updegraff was eliminated in 5th place, breaking the five-handed stalemate. Kido followed Updegraff to the payout desk after finishing in 4th place and Leng hit the rail in 3rd place. Perry and Sindelar battled heads up and after a 30-minute bout, Perry had collected all of the chips in play, denying Sindelar of his first WSOP victory. Sindelar had to settle for the runner-up prize of \$24,279.

Perry is from Connecticut and plays poker professionally. Perry is mainly a no-limit [hold'em](#) tournament player. He plans to play in Sunday's \$1,675 Rio Circuit Main Event. He also plans to be at the Rio for most of the 2018 summer. He said he plans to play a full schedule of events at this summer's [World Series of Poker](#). Perry recently joined "Chip Leader Coaching" as a poker coach. Also, part of that of that team is 3rd place finisher, Leng.

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## MEET THE LATEST WSOP CIRCUIT RING WINNER

Name:	Mark Perry	Profession:	Poker/Poker Coach
Nationality:	USA	WSOP Bracelets:	0
Current Residence:	Cheshire, Conn.	Previous WSOP Circuit Rings:	0

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